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Uttoxeter Rural District Council.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of the Uttoxeter Rural District Council,

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Uttoxeter Rural District for the year 1946.

The office of Medical Officer of Health was held, during the year under review, by Dr. G. H. Herbert, to whom I am indebted for most of the material contained in this report. I wish also to thank Mr. C.E.Ingham, your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, for information relating to the Sanitary Circumstances of your area during 1946,

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area.	55,228 acres.
Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population.(Mid 1946).	9,710.
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1946, according to the Rate Books.	2,621.
Rateable Value.	£30,952.
Sum represented by the product of 1d. Rate.	£126, 11.11

The Rural District is agricultural and is largely devoted to dairy farming. It contains seventeen parishes. The principal villages are Mayfield, Rocester, and Abbots Bromley. These are urban in character. There is a cotton mill at Rocester, a silk mill at Mayfield, and at Abbots Bromley there is a Girls' College with approximately four hundred and fifty pupils. These all give employment to some of the local population which is otherwise mainly engaged in agriculture. As elsewhere throughout the country, the shortage of dwelling houses has been an essential feature of the social circumstance of the population in your District.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate.	83	77	160.
Illegitimate	8	8	16.
Total.	91	85	176

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population. 18.1

Still Births.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate.	2	2	4
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
Total.	2	2	4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births. 22.2

Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	68	41	109

Death rate per 1,000 of estimated population. 11.2

Deaths from Puerperal Causes. NIL.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births.	39.8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births.	39.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births.	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer. (All ages).	14
Deaths from Measles. (All ages).	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough. (All ages).	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea. (Under 2 years).	1

Principal Causes of Death in Uttoxeter Rural District during the year 1946

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Heart Disease.	17	11	28
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	8	9	17
Cancer.	9	5	14
All other causes.	6	4	10
Bronchitis.	6	2	8
Pneumonia.	3	2	5
Other Violent Causes.	5	0	5
Other Respiratory Disease.	4	0	4
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System.	3	1	4
Nephritis.	0	3	3
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	1	1	2
Influenza.	1	1	2
Congenital Malform, Birth Injury, Infant Dis.	1	1	2
Syphilitic Disease.	1	0	1
Diabetes.	0	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.	1	0	1
Diarrhoea under two years.	1	0	1
Suicide.	1	0	1
Total.	68	41	109

General Provision of Health Services.

Laboratory Facilities.

The local medical practitioners and the Public Health Department have continued to make extensive use of the Public Health Laboratory, which is provided by the County Council at Stafford.

Ambulance Facilities.

Cases of Infectious Disease are removed to hospital in ambulances provided by the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospitals Board. Otherwise a day and night ambulance service is provided for the Rural District by two ambulances which are garaged in Uttoxeter and belong to the Uttoxeter Urban District Council and to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade respectively. Parts of the Rural District remote from Uttoxeter make use of ambulances belonging to adjacent District Councils.

Nursing in the Home.

One Nurse is available for each of the following seven areas into which the Rural District is divided for this purpose:-

1. Wootton, Stanton, Mayfield and Okeover.
2. Rocester and Denstone.
3. Marchington and Draycott in the Clay,
4. Abbots Bromley.
5. Leigh and Croxden.
6. Uttoxeter Rural.
7. Newborough.

There are no hospitals, clinics, or treatment centres within the Rural District.

Cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospitalisation are treated in one of the Isolation Hospitals of the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospitals Board.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Public Cleansing.

During the year under review the Council had not as yet instituted its comprehensive scheme for the public collection and disposal of household refuse.

Water Supply.

During the year the water supply was of good quality generally. In the outlying districts one or two pollutions were discovered and rectified. As regards quantity water from pipe supply was adequate. A few wells were severely tested during the drought. Piped supplies were examined bacteriologically at regular intervals. The results of these examinations were satisfactory in all cases. No plumbo-solvent action has been observed in the water supply of your district. No action was necessary on account of contamination of piped supplies. Where contamination of wells occurred the owners were instructed to abate the nuisance, chiefly by cleaning out the wells and attending to defective brickwork.

The number of dwelling houses and the approximate population supplied with water directly from public mains is shown below for each parish:-

Parish.	Number of Houses supplied.	Population.
Abbots Bromley.	186	837
Blithfield.	24	108
Croxden.	9	40
Denstone.	58	260
Draycott in the Clay.	56	252
Ellastone.	Nil	Nil
Kingstone.	44	198
Leigh.	186	837
Marchington.	55	248
Mayfield.	310	1395
Newborough.	38	170
Okeover.	Nil	Nil
Ramshorn.	Nil	Nil
Rocester.	261	1170
Stanton.	Nil	Nil
Uttoxeter Rural.	87	390
Tootton.	Nil	Nil
Total	1314	5905

The number of dwelling houses and the approximate population supplied from water mains by means of standpipes are both nil.

Sewerage.

The Council have instructed Messrs. Willcox, Raikes and Marshall, to carry out sewerage schemes in the following parishes:-

Abbots Bromley, Mayfield and Rocester.

The systems will consist of Septic Tanks and Bacteria Filters. The scheme is well in hand and will be submitted at an early date to the Ministry of Health and to the Staffordshire County Council for their consideration and also for grant purposes.

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Administration of the Factories Act,1937.

Factories were visited periodically and various improvements were carried out during the year. A new system of Fire Escape was recently erected at Tatton's Mill, Mayfield. One or two minor sanitary defects were remedied.

HOUSING.

The good progress in house construction already noted during 1945, was maintained during 1946. During the year fifty houses were completed, while there were thirty two in various stages of construction. The completed houses are sited as follows:-

Rocester.	12 Houses
Denstone.	12 Houses
Mayfield.	10 Houses
Stramshall.	6 Houses
Marchington.	6 Houses
Newborough.	4 Houses

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Shops and Bakeries were periodically inspected. No serious complaints were made. The general standard was good.

No slaughterhouses were in use in the Rural area all cattle being killed during the year at a central slaughterhouse in Uttoxeter.

There is one Knacker's Yard in the Rural District. Here casualties both from the Rural and Urban districts are dealth with.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following notifications of Infectious Disease were received.

Infectious Disease.	Number of Cases.
Whooping Cough.	19
Measles.	14
Scarlet Fever.	10
Dysentery.	3
Pneumonia.	1
Malaria.	1
Total	48

Of these seven cases of Scarlet Fever were admitted to hospital.

Analysis of Total Cases notified according to Age-Groups.

Disease.	-1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	Total.
Whooping Cough.	2	2	2	4	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	19
Measles.	1	1	-	1	1	5	4	-	1	-	-	14
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	3	-	1	-	10
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malaria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS.	3	3	2	6	4	16	6	3	3	1	1	48

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children immunised during 1946 was as follows:-

Children of less than five years of age - 110.

Children over five but under fifteen years - 7.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases.

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

One case was a male aged ten years, the other a female aged fifty one years.

Deaths.

There were two deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

One occurred in a male aged three years, the other in a female aged three years.

Death Rate from Tuberculosis. 0.21

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant.

A.D.C.S. Cameron.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.